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oralists' Association, viz., that the differences between the parties as to the terms and conditions generally were of such a character that a friendly settlement of them could be confidently expected as the result of a friendly discussion.

There is an article explaining how, however, of the success of the Conference. We gather from the report that whilst there was a business-like discussion of the details of the agreement, no question was raised as to the principles of unionism, and that the Conference was not intended to appear that there was any demand on the one side for the acceptance of those principles, or any insistence on the other upon the preliminary recognition of that basis of action. There seems to be a certain truth in this, and so to let those matters take care of themselves. Thus the probability is that notwithstanding this agreement, with which both parties are so well pleased, the points of principle upon which they held irreconcilable views, and which are so strongly set out, it is possible, if not probable, that the pastoralists will engage any man to work under the new agreement without asking whether he belongs to the union or not, and that the union shearers will be found working for non-union employers as long—but only as long—as they feel that they have not the command of the situation, and cannot compel them either to join the union or to quit the sheds. The adoption of this agreement is already a step towards the final establishment of a *modus vivendi* than as a settlement of the issue at the foundation of the whole dispute.

The raising of that issue has been postponed to a more convenient time. It can only be raised when a trial of strength, and if the shearers are not prepared for that trial, at present the pastoralists may consider that they would gain more than they would lose by getting their work done in peace whilst the men are willing to do it. That is a point which parties are not likely to be sweeping trades. The men have not, so far as we are aware, formally and in terms accepted the principle of freedom of contract, but they are working for employers whose practice is founded upon the principle of non-union strength, and if shipwreck is carried on, and the men are earning money to maintain themselves and their families, and perhaps to provide against contingencies. It is not satisfactory to be compelled to entertain the prospect that the principle of freedom of contract is still unsettled; but we must not quarrel with working arrangements which serve to carry on the business of the country. If the pastoralists in the South Australia had insisted upon the definite acceptance of the principle of freedom of contract by the shearers before consenting to look at the draft agreement, there would probably have been no agreement at this date. But let us suppose, on the contrary, that the shearers would have conceded that point, and that the draft agreement was signed with freedom of contract endorsed upon it in the most formal way. The question is whether the pastoralists would have been in any better condition then? Mr. BARNES is an authority upon the principles of unionism, and on the other day that "he had always been of the opinion that agreements between capital and labour were wrong, and in instances where they were entered into he was of opinion that the labourers who entered into them were misled, were justified in breaking those agreements." If this is a representative opinion, it seems clear that a formal acceptance on paper of the principle of freedom of contract is hardly worth insisting upon, and that the principle of non-unionism may be derived by passing it over theory whilst adopting it in practice where non-insistence upon its acceptance in the letter would facilitate the establishment of peaceful relations under an agreement, the details of which would be upheld by a court of law. It is desirable when shearing time comes round in this colony that our conditions should resemble those of which there is a promise in South Australia, rather than those with which Queensland is threatened.

"The Government should, it was thought by some of the men, be the sole contractors for its works." The sentence reads like an excerpt from the manifesto of the Communist Party of Great Britain, but it is only a couple of lines from the report of a deputation that waited on the Colonial Treasurer yesterday. The speakers represented the Amalgamated Navvies' and General Labourers' Association, and the things they protested against certain stoppages from wages for medical expenses, Sunday labour, and bad blasting fuses; but these seem to be mere makeshift weighty grievances as compared with the stoppages at minority against contractors. With regard to the request that the Postmaster-General might send round with the pay-carts an official authorised to receive Savings Bank deposits, nothing but what is good can be said, as an effort to save the Colonies from idleness. There is no doubt that much of the men's wages now spent in liquor or otherwise would be saved if opportunities were offered for that purpose; and now that the matter has been brought formally before the Colonial Treasurer, notice and received his approval, there need be very little difficulty in passing its final consideration on to the Minister more immediately concerned with the administration of Savings Bank deposits. But the most important deputation will hardly find the community at one with them on the contract question. It is hard to see in a case of this kind how the inquiries of the middleman can come into play, the contractor being asked to do more than the foreman with a cash requirement. The works, in any case, are not relief works. They are not undertaken, like some others a few years back, as a benevolence to the unemployed, for the Government or private individual would act in the case of work required to be done—that is, under the two conditions of effectiveness and economy. If the work could be done as well and as cheaply without assistance, it would be the Government or private individual would do without that intermediary. But, as that is not the case, and as an effort is being made to carry out public works on business principles, the Government prefers to relieve the unemployed of the necessity of engaging contractors to see to these details in its place. And there is no reasonable answer to Mr. McMillan's remark as to the undesirability of creating the enormous army of additional civil servants which the proposed abolition of the contract labour would necessarily call into existence.

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